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# SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"Forsan et hæc olim meminisse juvabit."

CLASSMATES:—

The idea of publishing, from time to time, a report of what the Class had done, and of the information which I had received from the various members of our Class, scattered, as they will be, all over the country, is not entirely an original one. The idea of presenting to you such a report occurred to me as early as the commencement of the present term, but my attention was more particularly called to the great advantage to be derived from such a report, by reading a similar one prepared by the Class Secretary of the Class of '60 at Yale College.

By means of such a report, the Class individually are kept informed as to each other's movements, our Class feeling grows stronger and stronger, and no one of our Class is allowed to slip out of our memories, but we are all unconsciously brought to watch more carefully than we otherwise could the successive steps which each one of us takes in his after life. Thinking over these advantages, I determined, should the pecuniary means within the reach of the Class Committee warrant the expense, to publish, every three years, a triennial report of our Class, and send it to each member.

The object of the report will be simply to spread *among our Class*, and not publicly, all Class news which would be of interest to one and all. It would contain records of all meetings held, to which many would necessarily be unable to attend, and consequently would not otherwise be made acquainted with the business there transacted; all changes in officers; an account of what each member of the Class had been doing during the three preceding years, that is, so far as they

had been willing to keep me informed of their movements, and their present address, so that each might be enabled to write to any other member of the Class without the necessity of applying to a third party for the address.

In order to publish such a report, should it meet your approbation, I must ask every member of our Class to write me as often as convenient, informing me of any changes in his family, his occupation, or situation in life, *and especially of the death of a classmate*, as oftentimes, at least so I am informed by secretaries of other classes, a member of a class has died, and, no friend thinking to notify some member of his class of the fact, it has happened that months have elapsed before the members of his class learned, and then only accidentally, of the death of their classmate. It is also very necessary to inform me of any change in the post-office address, as otherwise notifications may miscarry, the loss of which might cause considerable inconvenience or disappointment.

Owing to the action, which was deemed advisable by the editors of the Harvard Magazine, of publishing the June and July numbers together and *at once*, it was impossible to publish the statistics of our Class in the usual form ; so that I determined to publish them in the form of a Secretary's Report at the present time.

My report has been greatly shortened by the amount of work which the Class Committee have been obliged to do this term, combined with ill-health, which has prevented my giving to its preparation the time I should have wished. Much has necessarily been omitted, therefore, which deserves a place here, and for the omission of which, owing to my health, I must ask the indulgence of the Class.

I cannot close without thanking those who have been so willing to help me in collecting the following statistics, and expressing the hope that those who have not been so willing will never be placed where they will have to collect similar ones under similar circumstances.

Hoping that the Report will be accepted in the spirit in which it is offered, and that I may hear very often from you all,

I remain, very truly, your classmate,

WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON.

Boston, July 5, 1864.

# OUR CLASS.

In accordance with the summons issued from Cambridge, under date of July 2, 1860, the candidates for admission to the Class of 1864 presented themselves at No. 16 University Hall, on Monday, July 16th, 1860, at 8 o'clock. The number present was 139; of these 27 were rejected. At the Fall examination, held August 30th and 31st, 14 additional members (three of whom had been previously examined, but did not join the Class till now) were received, making in all 126. At the commencement of the second term, 1 more joined the Class; but, 2 having left, the number at the commencement of the second term was 125. At the beginning of the Sophomore year the Class received 11 new members; but, owing to some losses it had met, the total number was only 115. At the commencement of the Junior year we received 4 more additions to our number, and during the year we numbered 106. Senior year, 2 joined us, during the first term of which our number was 98. During the Senior year, sickness deprived us of one of our number, and one left us to enter the army, so that, out of 144 who have, at one time or another, been connected with the Class, only 96 are now with us, and all of these *expect* degrees.

[Since the above was put in type, Walter Whitney Hammond has been recommended by the Faculty to the Overseers as a candidate for a degree in the Class of 1863; so that our Class, on graduating, numbers 95.]

Of the 48 who have left us, 7 left at the commencement of the Rebellion, 1 was obliged to leave on account of ill health, 20 have gone elsewhere, 1 has entered West Point, 11 have entered the United States Army, 1 the United States Navy, and 7 have died; namely, Charles Adams Faulkner, who was run over at Porter's Station on the Fitchburg railroad at the commencement of the second term of '60–'61; James Gore King, who died from the effects of a sunstroke during the summer vacation of '62; Edward Stanley Abbot, First Lieutenant in the Regular Army, was killed at Gettysburg; Edward Chapin, Private in the 15th Mass. Reg., was killed at Gettysburg; Anson Grandcelo Thurston, Private Mass. 6th, killed at Blackwater River; James Neville Hedges, Private Secretary to Colonel John Cradlebaugh of the 114th O. V. I., was taken sick before Vicksburg, and died at his home at Circleville, Ohio, February 16th, 1863; Fitzhugh Birney, Major, attached to Major-General Birney's staff, died of wounds received in the battle of the Wilderness.

| Places of Residence. | | Birthplaces. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 22 | Boston | 23 |
| Cambridge | 12 | Cambridge | 6 |
| Elsewhere in Massachusetts | 34 | Elsewhere in Massachusetts | 34 |
| New Hampshire | 8 | New Hampshire | 9 |
| Maine | 4 | Maine | 5 |
| New York | 3 | New York | 3 |
| Pennsylvania | 3 | Pennsylvania | 5 |
| Illinois | 3 | Illinois | 3 |
| Maryland | 2 | Maryland | 1 |
| Ohio | 2 | Ohio | 3 |
| Missouri | 1 | Missouri | 2 |
| Rhode Island | 1 | Rhode Island | 1 |
| Iowa | 1 | Kentucky | 1 |
| | 96 | | 96 |
| Massachusetts | 68 | Massachusetts | 63 |
| Elsewhere | 28 | Elsewhere | 33 |

The religious persuasions of the Class are shown by the following table.

| | | Church-members. |
|---|---|---|
| Unitarians | 40 | 4 |
| Orthodox Congregational | 20 | 6 |
| Episcopalian | 18 | 7 |
| Baptist | 8 | 6 |
| Swedenborgian | 2 | 0 |
| Methodist | 2 | 0 |
| Parkerite | 1 | 0 |
| Trinitarian | 1 | 0 |
| Presbyterian | 1 | 0 |
| Catholic | 1 | 1 |
| No opinion | 1 | 0 |
| Latitudinarian | 1 | 0 |
| | 96 | 24 |

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|---|---|
| The Unitarians number | 43 |
| The Trinitarians number | 51 |
| Those who have no opinion | 2 |
| | 96 |

Our Class has been the scene of no very strong party feeling. In our Freshman year, the political sentiments of our Class were ascertained, and

the results then obtained are now presented in contrast with the present feeling of the Class.

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|---|---|
| Whole number in the Class, in the fall of 1860 | 126 |
| Lincoln | 80 |
| Bell | 31 |
| Breckenridge | 10 |
| Douglass | 1 |
| Lane | 1 |
| Blank | 3 |
| | 126 |
| Lincoln's plurality | 49 |

In order to notice any change in the political feeling of the Class, below may be found the votes of those who were present in College both in 1860 and 1864.

Whole number . . . . . 81

| 1860. | | 1864. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Douglass | 1 | Democrats | 7 |
| Lane | 1 | War Democrats | 3 |
| Breckenridge | 3 | Union | 9 |
| Bell | 19 | Republican | 61 |
| Lincoln | 56 | No opinion | 1 |
| Did not vote | 1 | | 81 |
| | 81 | | |

At the present time the vote in the Class stands as follows: —

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Whole number in the Class | | | 96 |
| Republicans | 63 | Republicans | 74 |
| Abolitionists | 11 | | |
| War Democrats | 4 | Democrats | 12 |
| McClellan Democrats | 4 | | |
| Democrats | 4 | | |
| Union | | | 9 |
| *No opinion* | | | 1 |
| | | | 96 |

The number who voted at the Presidential election in 1860 were 5
Those who will vote in 1864 number . . . . . 67

During our Sophomore year the cry resounded along the shores of Massachusetts Bay that the United States Arsenal at Cambridge was in danger, and 50 of our *present* Class rushed to its defence. During the summer of '63, and at other periods during our College course, 15 have been in the United States service: —

8 in the 44th Mass. Reg.
1 " 45th "
3 " Cambridge Washington Guard, now stationed at Provincetown.
2 " Pennsylvania Militia.
1 " Fremont Body-Guard.

Three have just left us, and are now engaged in Virginia under the auspices of the U. S. Sanitary Commission.

As near as I have been able to ascertain, 16 have been drafted.

During the Senior year the Class started the Harvard Drill-Club, and drills were held twice a week during the second term in the Armory of the Washington Guard.

In collecting the following statistics of those who smoke and drink, those "who have made it a habit during a whole or any part of their College course to smoke have been placed among the smokers, no allowance being made for those who are at present laboring under a temporary fit of abstinence"; and those have been put down among the drinkers "who could not conscientiously join the Temperance Society." Any one will see, after a moment's reflection on the subject, that it would be impossible to discriminate any more closely: —

Smoke, 61; drink, 80; smoke and drink, 57; smoke, but do not drink, 4; drink, but do not smoke, 23; neither drink nor smoke, 12. Among the Class there are 46 who play billiards.

In regard to the Gymnasium statistics, our Class can boast of what few classes thus far have been able to boast of. The statistics, which may be found below, embrace the measurements of 92. *One member of the Class only refused to have his measurements taken.* Three members, being absent at the time, were necessarily omitted from the records. The united weight of the Class is 5 tons 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. 8 oz. 15.360 drs. The united height is 521 feet 8.960 inches. The united muscle of the upper arm 98 ft. 2.124 inches, while that of the lower arm is 82 ft. 8.628 inches. The united size of the chests of the Class is 290 ft. 10.548 inches.

For the sake of comparison, the following table has been prepared, giving the statistics of the three classes with whom we have been brought in contact during our College course.

| | Class of 1861. | | Class of 1862. | | Class of 1863. | | Class of 1864. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Years. | Mos. | Years. | Mos. | Years. | Mos. | Years. | Mos. |
| Aver. age at Com'nt, | 21 | 8 | 21 | 11.5 | 21 | 8.6 | 21 | 16.553 |
| Oldest, . . . . | 27 | 0 | 30 | 8.5 | 27 | 10 | 27 | 4.933 |
| Youngest, . . . | 18 | 9 | 19 | .5 | 18 | 11 | 18 | 6.866 |
| Over 25, . . . . | — | – | 6 | | 4 | | 4 | |
| Over 22, . . . . | 26 | | 32 | | 35 | | 39 | |
| Under 20, . . . | 6 | | 5 | | 6 | | 11 | |

| | Feet. Inches. | Feet. Inches. | Feet. Inches. | Feet. Inches. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Average height, . | 5 8.25 | 5 8.35 | 5 7.367 | 5 8.028 |
| Tallest, . . . . | 6 1.50 | 6 3. | | 6 3.125 |
| Shortest, . . . . | 5 4.25 | 5 0.5 | | 5 4.25 |
| 6 feet or over, . . | 5 | 9 | | 4 |
| $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet or under, . | 14 | 16 | | 12 |
| | Pounds. | Pounds. | Pounds. | Pounds. |
| Average weight, . | 139.1 | 143.5 | 139.214 | 138.29 |
| Heaviest, . . . . | 173. | 215. | | 185. |
| Lightest, . . . . | 110. | 106. | | 109. |
| | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. |
| Average chest, . . | 36.66 | 37.1 | 37.56 | 37.940 |
| Largest, . . . . | 41.50 | 42. | | 42.50 |
| Smallest, . . . . | 31.50 | 31. | | 33.50 |
| Average upper arm, | 12.2 | 12.78 | 12.56 | 12.804 |
| Largest, . . . . | 15.125 | 15.25 | | 16.50 |
| Smallest, . . . . | 9.625 | 10.25 | | 10.25 |
| Average forearm, . | 10.50 | 10.70 | 10.46 | 10.789 |
| Largest, . . . . | 12.25 | 12.50 | | 12.25 |
| Smallest, . . . . | 8.75 | 9.25 | | 9.375 |
| Near-sighted, . . | 11 | 9 | | 23 |
| Smoke, . . . . | 31 | 51 | | 61 |
| Drink, . . . . . | 26 | 65 | | 80 |
| Both, . . . . . | 23 | 47 | | 57 |
| Neither, . . . . | 42 | 20 | | 12 |

The Class have sustained, during their connection with the College, the following Societies: — Hasty Pudding, Porcellian, Natural History, Phi Beta Kappa, O K, *Temperance*, *Rumford*, Institute, Pierian Sodality, Harvard Glee Club, Christian Brethren, Christian Union, St. Paul's, Base Ball and Cricket Club, Harvard Drill-Club, and Œnone Boat Club. Besides these there have been numerous Club Tables of more or less notoriety, and several secret Societies. The St. Paul's Society was started by the united efforts of our Class and '63.

The Temperance Society, "one of the mistaken notions of '61," (Harvard Mag., Apr. '62,) was in its glory during our Freshman year, and 11 of our Class (7 *of whom drink*) were enrolled among its members. Alas! when '61 left us, the Temperance Society fled also. "The last meeting of the Rumford Society of Harvard University was held on Friday evening, June 26, 1863." Harvard Mag., December, 1863.

In this connection it may not be out of place to mention the *Spartan Band*, which has become famous at Harvard, and which existed in our

Class for nearly a term of our Sophomore year, until the chemical department yielded to the heroic endurance of its members, and the object of its existence was accomplished.

The Harvard Magazine has flourished under our care, and numerous are the pieces, both prose and poetry, contributed to its pages by members of our Class.

The editors have been, —

Edwin Pliny Seaver,
James Neville Hedges,
Charles Henry Coxe,
} Junior year.

Isaac Howard Page,
William Hyde Appleton,
William Lambert Richardson,
} Senior year.

During our Freshman year we adopted a Class cap of blue and gold. The cap was worn quite successfully for at least two or three days.

The Class have attended two Class suppers. The Sophomore supper at the Cattle-Fair Hotel in Brighton, which was very largely attended; and the Senior supper at the Ocean House, Chelsea Beach, which, *owing to the expense*, was attended by only about 50.

The Class photographs, to the number of about 21,000, have been taken by Mr. Warren of Cambridgeport, under the supervision of the Class Committee. The work has occupied almost the entire term, and the photographs arrived about a week before Class-Day. Mr. Warren seems to have done his best to retrieve his reputation, which was somewhat injured by the style in which the Class pictures of '63 were finished, and the Class Committee are entirely satisfied with the photographs he has furnished the Class this year.

In accordance with a vote passed at our Class elections in January last, the Class Committee have prepared a book for the signatures of those who desire to subscribe to a Class Fund. Thus far 60 of the Class and one non-graduate have signed, and the amount payable on or before Commencement amounts to $ 513; the sum subscribed and payable during the next six years is $ 1,650, making the Class Fund thus far amount to $ 2,163.

47 of the Class have received Exhibition parts, and 28 Commencement honors. The usual number of Deturs were of course distributed among the Class during Sophomore and Junior years, and in addition the following prizes have been awarded to the Class: —

*For English Dissertations.*

James Thompson Bixby,
John Loring Eldridge,
} 1st Bowdoin prize.
William Reed, 2d do. do.

*Latin Versification.*

Isaac Flagg, Bowdoin prize.

*Greek Prose.*

William Hyde Appleton, } Bowdoin prize.
Isaac Flagg, }

*Elocution.*

Thomas Waterman, Jr., } 1st Boylston prize.
Charles Coolidge Read, }
John Adams Blanchard, } 2d do. do.
George Glover Crocker, }

Members of the Class still have another opportunity of trying for the above prizes immediately after Commencement.

*Reading.*

Edward Robbins Howe, } 3d prize.
Henry Harrison Sprague, }

Our Class is the *only* class that has ever signed the Autograph Book at the Library *in full numbers*. *Every member* of our Class has complied with the request of the Librarian, and *our record alone*, as a class, on his books stands *complete*.

So much for the past and present of our Class; in regard to the future, the statistics show that our Class will have its representative in almost every walk of life. The intentions of the Class, as thus far decided, are as follows: —

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|---|---|
| Law, | 31 |
| Business, | 18 |
| Medicine, | 10 |
| U. S. Army, | 5 |
| Civil Engineer, | 3 |
| Ministry, | 3 |
| Teaching, | 3 |
| Literary, | 2 |
| Farmer, | 1 |
| Naturalist, | 1 |
| Architect, | 1 |
| Sheep raiser, | 1 |
| Undecided, | 17 |
| | 96 |

Of the 3 ministers, 2 will be Orthodox, and 1 Unitarian. Amongst those who are set down as Teachers, there are some who do not intend to be such through life, but propose, eventually, to enter a profession, while, on the other hand, some of those who are here set down as about to enter a profession intend to teach a year or more previous to entering on a professional life. Counting, then, the teachers as among the professional men, we shall have in the Class 47 professional men.

*What may happen in the future we dare not attempt to prophesy, but thus far 5 are engaged.*

In closing this brief history of our Class, I can but express a most sincere wish that success may attend our several efforts in life, and that many, very many happy Class reunions may yet be in store for us ere our number begins to lessen, and one by one we see our classmates leaving us for other and brighter scenes.

"Precious seed bear we hence, which but sow we broadcast,
Be it either in joy or in tears,
We shall come, bringing sheaves with us, home at the last,
Redeemed from all sorrows and fears."